

### REMARKS

Claims 1-48, 52, 55 and 57-72 have been canceled without prejudice in order to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a separate continuation application. Claims 49-51, 53, 54, 56 and 73-75 are thus currently the only claims pending in this application. Claim 51 has been amended to properly recite dependency from an apparatus claim instead of a method claim.

### Claim Objections

Each of claims 30, 31 and 45 were rejected under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of another claim. Claims 30, 31 and 45 have been canceled.

### Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4-11, 16-18, 26, 28, 32, 33, 37, 39, 40, 47, 48, 52, 55, 58-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,853,055 to *Scanlon* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,620,003 to *Sepponen*. Claims 1, 4-11, 16-18, 26, 28, 32, 33, 37, 39, 40, 47, 48, 52, 55, 58-72 have been canceled without prejudice.

### Allowable Subject Matter

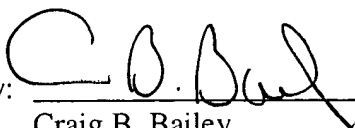
Claims 49-51, 53, 54, 56 and 73-75, which are the only claims remaining in this application, were previously allowed.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest and bona fide effort to place this case in immediate condition for allowance. A prompt Notice of Allowance will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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